

DES AMÉRICAINS

The Imperial Sporting Party at Camp Alexis.

VICTORY AND TRIUMPHAL RETURN

Grand Powwow and Indian War Dance.

THE SIOUX WARRIORS AND HEROES

**Red, White, Black, Green or Any
Other Bears.**

MR. MRA AND MISS SPOTTED TAIL

**Miss Spotted Tail's Beauty Dazzling the
Grand Duke, Sheridan and the
Whole Party—Gallant Rivalry
for a Kiss—Custer Wins It.**

THE CHIEFS AT THE BANQUET

**The Young Lady's Eye to Business—
Waste Not, Want Not.**

THE INDIAN COUNCIL

Speeches of Spotted Tail and General Sheridan—What the Great Father in Washington Should Do for the Red Men.

Departure from Red Willow Creek and Arrival in Denver.

CAMP ALBERT,
WILLOW CREEK, Neb., Jan. 16—Morning. }

After the courier had departed last night with a dispatch containing the full account of the battle,

SPOTTED TAIL ARRIVED IN GORGEOUS GARMENTS.
First General Sheridan sent for Spotted Tail and

black morning robe, trimmed with scarlet
an elegant ivory-mounted hunting knife
and a general officer's belt, made of Russia leather
much with all the delinquent chief among

A PRESENT FROM CHIEF TO CHIEF.

PREPARING FOR THE GRAND FOWOW.

dance, which is introduced to illustrate one of the curious customs of the red men. The Indians have a great variety of dances, each dance having its di-

THE WAR DANCE
It consists chiefly in each warrior arising and recounting the history of his exploits, at the same time dancing in the style favored by his band.

the musicians, who beat away on a kind of drum, while he extols himself in his native language. An immense log fire was

and decking themselves with ornaments.

VISIT OF WARRIORS AND INDIAN SQUAWS.

side of Red Willow Creek, and the most successful
of the warriors and several of the squaws came
across to participate in and witness the Indian war

the flag pole and arranged around the inside of the circle formed by the "chubs," the younger warriors and the spectators. The chiefs did not participate

bands, and, indeed, to all the tribe of which Spotted Tail is the controlling chief. All the self-glorification was left to the less celebrated braves, who

The Indians sat upon the ground, the more notable ones in front, while near them sat the squaw

mine colors that were so conspicuous among those
with which these dusky natives of the Western
wilds delight to stain their faces.

almost completely covered up with buff
faux robes, while others were dressed
in all sorts of barbarous costumes. Some of them

not nearly as many Indians as had been expected but there was a sufficient number to give the Imperial party a good idea of the characteristics of the race. There were representatives from all

MR., MRS. AND MISS SPOTTED TAIL.
Spotted Tail himself sat in a prominent place, and beside him was his wife and daughter. The dusky maiden was the object of marked attention on the

RED, WHITE, BLACK, AND ALL THE OTHER BEARS

THE IMPERIAL PARTY AND SHEWIDAN ENTANGLED
The Grand Duke and suite, with General Shewidan

and staff, and all the other officers in camp, were present, and noted and commented on the incidents which attracted their attention as the brave described the wonderful deed they had performed upon the warpath. At the conclusion of each recitation

THE SQUAWS SIGNIFIED THEIR APPROVAL, which was done in a shrill tone of voice. One of the interpreters stood near the Grand Duke and explained to him the salient point in each red man's speech, and also answered all the questions which Alexis asked. His imperial highness was deeply interested in what transpired.

THIS LOVELY MISS SPOTTED TAIL.

One of the incidents of the evening was that in which the daughter of Spotted Tail took a sister and a prominent part. She is a modest maiden of some sixteen summers, and her name is comely in view of the fact that some of the members of our party were evidently more interested in her than in the sanguinary stories of the warriors who were shooting and stamping in the circle.

SHERIDAN'S OFFICERS COUNTING HER.

Several of her white admirers vied with the others in their efforts to secure some indication from her that she regarded them with special favor. At first she seemed to show the coyness characteristic of her sex, and if the rosy tints that bloomed so brightly on her cheeks were not natural, there are many maidens and married women among the "pale faces," as the Indians call our people—who would do the same. But Miss Spotted Tail's friends will appreciate Miss Spotted Tail's process for proving her complexion.

COMPLAISANCE ARE OBVIOUS.

Either they strive to civilize a savage custom, or she has attained proficiency in one of the fine arts of Christian civilization. Like some of her civilized sex she was not averse to adoration. Presently from her admirers some began to flow in upon her. Some pressed confession and truths, and others such trifles as he could procure at short notice.

REVALRY FOR HER BEMISE—CLARK'S CONQUEST.

The literary fairer mentioned a handsome young officer of the Second cavalry, Lieutenant Clark, who has already made some impression, as it seemed, upon Miss Spotted Tail's affections, and who, wishing to complete the conquest over all the other suitors, went over to his tent, opened his trunk, and, setting out a few jewels which may have been intended for some fairer female, bestowed back to the scene of the war dance and the wooing. He presented the jewels to her with his compliments, as evidence of his admiration and affection, and which, it is supposed, he told the interpreter were boundless and undying.

OH, CUSTER, FOR STAKE!

General Custer, who was one of those who had been probing in his attentions to the maiden, now stepped forward, and taking advantage of his knowledge of the Indian sign language, and very tactfully, entered into a conversation with her and requested the privilege of placing the rings on her ears—a privilege which she graciously accorded. To some of his less fortunate rivals it seemed that he consumed more time in this pleasant occupation than was necessarily needed. Having adjusted one of the earrings he, without changing his position, put his arm around her neck in order to adjust the other.

ONE SWEET KISS AS A REWARD.

As she interposed no objection to this proceeding, he claimed the only reward he could request for his pleasing labor, and the scene was ended by him kissing her. It was done so gracefully that Miss Spotted Tail's cause "to scold" him for her temerity, but if he had done so he would have had a splendid scalp lock.

THE WOOLING SCENE.

The white party were interested in this wooling scene. As the question of preference was now settled in favor of the General, even against the one who had given the ornaments, all of the discarded suitors said it was because Custer looked like a chief, dressed, as he was, in Indian hunting costume.

THE GRAND DUKE'S PRESENTS.

After this House episode, and when the war dance was concluded, the presents brought by the Grand Duke for Spotted Tail and his subordinate chiefs were taken possession of. These consisted of a number of robes and blankets, colored as the chiefs desired by the Indians, and a large bag of silver dollars, which

LITTLE PHIL'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

General Sheridan said a number of other articles, including some handsome hunting knives. Sheridan had also on the ground for Spotted Tail and his people three months' supply of provisions ready for distribution in the morning, the condition being that they would continue to be good Indians.

CALL TO THE CHIEFS.

Spotted Tail, with his wife and daughter and the other chiefs, was introduced into the Imperial dining tent, where they were treated to luxuries which they have not been accustomed to.

MISS SPOTTED TAIL'S KISS TO BUSINESS.

Miss Spotted Tail, after she had finished her supper, gathered up the fragments and the food without touch of her and, deliberately storing them in her blankets, took them away with her. The party were much amused at the way the chiefs conducted themselves at the table and how much better they enjoyed the champagne than they do the ordinary war water.

In the meantime all the other Indians returned to their lodges on the other side of the Red Willow. The subordinate chiefs soon followed them, leaving Spotted Tail, who desired to confer with General Sheridan concerning the interests of his people.

THE GRAND DUKE'S ADDRESS TO HIS COUNCIL.

A council was then held in the Grand Duke's tent. It was a sort of semi-official council. The Grand Duke and others of the Imperial party were present by invitation.

A GROOMING GROUP.

The Duke reclined on Sheridan's bed, Custer sat on the table, Spotted Tail, with his wife and daughter, sat on Sheridan's baggage and the others occupied the remaining limited space left within the tent. In accordance with Indian usage Spotted Tail first took a smoke. When he had finished he handed his pipe to his wife, and then, in a dignified and deliberate manner, arose, and, through the interpreter, addressed some sensible remarks to General Sheridan.

THE SPOUTING ADDRESSING SHERIDAN.

Addressing first to the interpreting occasion which had brought them all together, he expressed his gratification at being enabled to see the Grand Duke Alexis, the representative he understood, of the great father, and to be able to speak to him. He was glad to have had a hunt since the wild battle with him and with General Sheridan, the chief of the great father, and to be able to see him again in Washington. He was very glad to meet all the officers and gentlemen who accompanied the Grand Duke and the General Sheridan, because he desired to preserve

PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WHITE MAN, and when they met again he hoped it would be with the same good feeling which he now expressed to them. He had been to Washington to speak with the great father, and had promised him that he would be glad to be invited to go on the warpath and never more go on the warpath. This promise he had kept, but there were still

THAT HE DESIRED TO ASK.

That they were still in the presence of the great chief whom he now addressed. First, he asked that he and his people should be allowed to remain on the reservation on the River Plains, until their farms on the reservation could be cultivated to produce enough food for their families. He said that he had heard that the great father said that the white man who went to Washington to trade at a single store or with one trader, but could go to and sell his goods, and if one trader asked what he wanted to be too high, and if he could not get it and bargain with another; but such was not the case with Spotted Tail and his people. He said that he had heard that the great father allowed them one trader on their reservation. This he did not think was right and in order to have peace with the great father, he requested that at least one more trader might be permitted on the reservation. If the great father would grant them this simple and just feeling, which he had heard that the white man would be made glad, and joy would fill the bosoms of all his grateful people.

THE GRAND DUKE'S REPLY.

General Sheridan in reply said to the interpreter who translated the language into that of the Sioux and Nation—

Yes to Spotted Tail, that he has made a very good speech to me; that I believe I fully comprehend that he has made what he has said, and they are two. First he wants permission to remain on the reservation of the River Plains, and he wants to be able to produce enough food to support his people; and second, he wants more traders upon their reservation. Now, as to him, he has said that he has heard that the great father come under my department, as he well knows, to appreciate the force and justice of his request. So long as he has made with each other I see no objection to his people.

HUNTING BUFFALO SOUTH OF THE RIVER PLAINS.

Should war at any time arise, of course the privilege of the white man would be to go south of the River Plains and hunt the buffalo. It is only possible that he would not like to allow that.

AND MORE TALK.

It only pruned that he—

to see the Great Father before many days and not fail to remember that speech and ask him to let Spotted Tail and his people have more trappers. I was very glad to see him here; I have great respect for him, because he has faithfully fulfilled his treaty obligations. It has also given me great pleasure to have had him respond so promptly to the invitation to join in the hunt with the Grand Duke Alexis, who comes here from a far distant country, the son and representative of the great, if not the greatest chieftain in Europe. If hereafter Spotted Tail should have any request to make that I can grant, consistently, I will remember his kindness on this occasion and do all I can for him.

The deepest interest was shown by those who listened to the speech of Spotted Tail and the reply of Sheridan.

A SOCIAL SMOKE AND GENERAL GOOPBY.

After a social smoke the council was closed, and after shaking hands with the hearty hunter and receiving the personal thanks of the Grand Duke, Spotted Tail and his family returned to the village of his people across the creek.

FAREWELL TO CAMP ALEXIS.

The Imperial Hunting Party, After Being Photographed, Leave Red Willow Creek—The Return Ride—Hailing and Incidents—Safe Arrival at North Platte.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 16.—Evening.

The imperial hunting party this morning, after leaving camp Alexis at an early hour this morning, and having returned to their special train on the Pacific Railroad. Before leaving the camp several photographs were taken by the enterprising artist.

RESTORING CAMP ALEXIS.

They will be interesting souvenirs, especially to the imperial members of the party who participated in the hunting expedition. With General Sheridan and his family, besides the officers of the army, was taken of the party as they sat at breakfast. Pictures were also made of the camp itself, and among the others which were taken by request of the Grand Duke were

PORTRAITS OF SPOTTED TAIL,

of Buffalo Bill and General Custer in his buckskin hunting dress. The band of the Second cavalry was on the ground and figured in the posing scene. All the members of the party bade adieu to General Palmer and the officers who remained behind to break up what many will long remember as Camp Alexis.

The Grand Duke thanked the General most cordially for the complete success that had crowned the efforts of himself and his efficient officers to contribute to the comfort of the whole hunting party.

THE RETURNING CAVALCADE.

When the Grand Duke and General Sheridan jumped into their open wagon, and the other members of the party took seats in the ambulances, the band struck up an appropriate air, and, with Buffalo Bill ahead again as guide, all dashed across the open country, headed northward toward the line of the Union Pacific Railroad.. The return ride was not marked by very dry unusual incidents. Some springs were broken, and one ambulance was upset, but, fortunately, nobody was hurt although... Dr. Amb, who was riding on the front outside seat, was precipitated through the top of the ambulance into the midst of his astonished fellow passengers, some of whom were Russians.

HALTING AT MEDICINE RIVER.

A halt was made at the Medicine River, twenty miles from the Red Willow, and luncheon was partaken of. When the line of vehicles approached the Platte the Grand Duke and Sheridan dashed ahead and reached the railroad long before the rest of the party, the ambulances being heavily loaded.

ARRIVED SAFELY AT THE PLATTE.

Every one is now rejoiced safely to see the railroad trains, and are delighted with the experience of the last few days, well as grateful the while no serious accidents occurred to leave unpleasant memories in the minds of any one, everything happily conspired in contributing to the comfort, and complete success as a whole or, the grand dual hunting expedition.

General Sheridan and the officers who have come here with him will accompany the Grand Duke and suite on to Denver, and then via the Kansas Pacific Railroad back to St. Louis. The special train will leave here late to-night, and is due at Denver tomorrow evening.

SAFE ARRIVAL IN DENVER.

St. James, Jan. 17.—Morning.

News received from North Platte—Health of the Duke—Arrival at the Hotel—Incidents of the Journey—Another Railroad Accident and a Consequent Fight to the Duke—Sheridan's Car Upset, But no Bones Broken—Heavy Reception by the People of Denver.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 17.—Evening.

The Grand Duke party arrived here, at the capital city of Colorado, this evening. They came directly through from North Platte, immediately after returning from the pleasures and excitement of the buffalo hunt on the Plains, and were about nineteen hours on the rail. General Sheridan and staff, who accepted of an earnest invitation of the Duke to accompany him around to St. Louis, accompanied the party in name and contributed largely to relieve the tediousness of the journey. Although it was late at night when the dual train passed the small villages along the line of the Union Pacific there were, nevertheless, large crowds out to cheer the distinguished visitor.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT CHEYENNE.

As the car went by at Cheyenne, which was reached at about ten o'clock this forenoon, nearly the whole population was out to see and welcome Alexis, and when he appeared in sight in response to their calls he was most heartily cheered. Colonel J. E. King and the officers of the Ninth United States Infantry also called upon His Imperial Highness and spent a few moments in social intercourse, and subsequently the passing visitor was tendered the compliment of a serenade by the band belonging to the regiment.

The party were met here by Governor McCook, ex-Governor Evans and several other chief members of the territorial government, who acted as a committee of escort to this city.

ANOTHER LEAF RAILROAD WRECK.

After about half an hour's detention at Cheyenne the journey was resumed; but before the train was fairly under way there occurred quite an exciting and almost serious accident. The train was backing up a "T" track, when an imperiously secured rail "spread up" and threw General Sheridan's and the Duke's drawing room car from the track.

THE GENERAL'S CAR WAS TURNED OVER ALMOST ON ONE SIDE, and if it had gone four or five feet further would have been completely capsized. Only the rear truck of the Ducal car was thrown off, but the passengers inside were nevertheless well shaken up and not a little alarmed. In General Sheridan's car the scene was even more exciting. The party were mostly standing at the time, and of course were thrown about in great confusion. Some of the member managed to grab a pull at the belt rope, and the train was thus stopped in season to save what might have otherwise been a serious accident.

NO BONES BROKEN, BUT BADLY FRIGHTENED.

As it was no one was injured, but all were badly frightened. The Duke's car was soon got upon the track again; but General Sheridan's was in a worse condition, and was not got upon the rails for several hours. The General insisted upon the Duke continuing his journey, promising to follow as soon as his car was got in condition. The Ducal party therefore came on, and General Sheridan and his staff arrived here some four hours later.

SAFE IN A COLORADO HOTEL—MORE FESTIVITIES.

A large and enthusiastic crowd followed him with cheers to the American House, half a mile or more distant. The evening was spent in quiet; but tomorrow the distinguished visitor will be shown around the town by Governor McCook, and in the evening there will be a grand ball in his honor, at which all the distinguished citizens of this portion of Colorado will be present.

FUTURE MOVEMENTS OF THE IMPERIAL TRAVELERS.

The Duke will leave here on Friday for St. Louis, stopping, perhaps, for one day at Jefferson City. From St. Louis he will take a special steamer and proceed down the river to Cairo and New Orleans.

A WOMAN AFTER THE GRAND DUKE.

The Omaha Bee of the 18th inst. has the following singular story:—

Among the passengers on the regular train from St. Louis this morning was a well-dressed and well-appearing lady, who made inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Grand Duke. On learning she was

arrived a good deal of regret as not having arrived
 and so conducted herself as to cause inquiry.
 was learned that she resided in a small town
 near St. Louis and is a maiden lady of some twenty-
 six summers, who has conceived the singular in-
 ference that she is the destined wife of the Grand
 Duke Alexis. She attempted to take passage on
 the ducal train when it left St. Louis yesterday noon,
 but was prevented. She finally secured a ticket on
 the regular train and arrived here only a few hours
 behind the one on which Alexis rode. She expressed
 determination of going with him on his buffalo
 hunt, but failed in securing a place on the Pullman
 car because of her great family, and has plenty
 of means to carry out her whim of following his
 triumphs over the country; but so far her devotion
 to meet with no reward, Alexis not deigning to be-
 stow upon her a single glance. She is not discour-
 aged, however, but seems confident in the ultimate
 result of her mission, and as it is less year she does
 not have that modesty in the pursuit of her object
 that is usual with maidens of an uncertain age. She
 first met the Duke at his reception in St. Louis, and
 to use a common phrase, she has been "struck"
 after him ever since. She says she will only detach
 herself to see him at the Grand Duchesse. She
 seemed as the Ninth street depot as the Pullman
 Alexis was up town, patiently waiting for his re-
 turn. There is little doubt but she is a monomaniac
 upon this subject, and should be taken care of. The
 railroad authorities will do their best to return her
 to St. Louis by the next train.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

NEW JERSEY.

In the Senate yesterday bills were introduced as
 follows:
 To erect parts of Salem, Cumberland and Atlantic
 counties into a new one.
 A supplement to the Franklin Horse Car Railway
 extends the time for the completion of the first two
 miles to five years from the 4th of July next.
 A supplement to an act against utility; providing
 that if any person shall accept any greater sum
 than seven per cent by way of bonus retained
 from the amount to be loaned, either for the original
 term or for the extension of the same, the same
 of any note, mortgage or other evidence of in-
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MARYLAND.

The Contest for the United States Senator-
 ship—Dr. Dennis the Coming Man—Influence
 of the Baltimore and Ohio Road in State
 Politics.
 To-night there is more stir in political matters
 than upon any preceding day since the meeting of
 the Legislature. Large numbers of prominent
 politicians from the western part of the State
 arrived this morning and evening and are busy in
 caucus. At twelve o'clock to-day the two Houses
 of the Legislature met in joint session to ballot for
 a United States Senator to serve for six years from
 March 4, 1874. Five ballots were taken, upon each
 of which George Vickers, the present incumbent, re-
 ceived the highest number of votes of any one can-
 didate, but, as there are about ten candidates, no
 chance enough to elect him, nor is it likely that he will
 win the contest. The candidates are: George Vickers,
 the western counties are looked upon as evidence that
 the preconceived plans to elect W. Parker Whyte,
 the new Governor, are being consummated.
 The Legislature adjourned until to-morrow, when
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